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I John 5. Chapter 4, 15. verses.

And this is that assurance that we have, in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the Petitions which we have desired of him.

**L**ittle Childe, or whatever thou art that readest this Book, before I come to the chief matter contained there, in, I shall beg of thee to prepare thy heart for Prayer, and then to seek the Lord in thy Prayer, and no doubt, but what thou desirest in thy Petitions, the Lord in his due time will yield thee a comfortable return to thy Soules happiness and content: And before I come to shew thee what thou oughtest to pray for, I shall first shew thee in a few words, what Prayer is.

Prayer is a serious and devout lifting up of our hearts to God, in the Name of Iesus Christ, either to crave things needful, or to give

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give thanks for mercies received, Rom. 8. 26.

The Spirit helpeth our infirmities, for we know not how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit it self maketh request for us with sighs that cannot be expressed.

A Prayer for Sabbath-day in the morning.

Pla. 119. v. 170. O let my supplication come before thee, deliver me according to thy word.

**O** Lord God Almighty, and Ever. living Father, Lord of the Sabbath, and Fountain of all Wisdome, I do not present these my supplications before thee upon mine own righteousness, but in thy great Mercies, in the which I only believe and put my confidence in: O Lord I beseech thee most mercifully to look upon me, who am by reason of sin a most vile and wicked creature: It is thou, O Lord, and thou alone canst make me clean, therefore I must cast my self wholly on thee, and thy Son Christ Jesus. O Lord, I have great cause to extol and magnifie thy glorious Name for preserving me this night past: Thou hast kept me from the sleep of death, blessed be thy Name for it, thou hast made me to rest quietly under the shadow of thy wings and now Lord I beseech thee to protect me this day with thy mighty hand from all dangers both of soul and bodie: mortifie and kill in me all carnal lusts, unlawful pleasures, and evil

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evil affections, that they may have no domi-  
 nion over me: but O Lord, give me a contrite  
 heart to bewail the sins of my youth, and let  
 me finde comfort in thy mercies for the par-  
 doning of my sins: Sanctifie my heart, O  
 Lord, that I may sanctifie this thy most holy  
 Day: Make me, O Lord, to honour thee as a  
 Creator love thee as a Redeemer, and hope  
 and trust in thee as my only Saviour: O Lord  
 let me not speak my own words, nor think  
 my own thoughts on this thy day, but let  
 me spend those few hours which thou hast ta-  
 ken to thy self, to thy glory, that in the end  
 my poore soul may reap the comfort of it. O  
 Lord, send down thy holy Spirit into me, to  
 bear witness that I am thy Child, and shall  
 be Heir of thy Kingdom with Christ Jesus:  
 for whose sake, and in whose Name, I beseech  
 thee to grant me all those things I have  
 prayed for. Amen.

### An evening Prayer for the Sabbath.

**O** Eternal, Ever-living and Ever-loving  
 Lord God, from the bottom of my heart  
 I have great cause to give thee continual  
 thanks for the mercies of this day, thou hast  
 preserved me by thy power & thou hast dealt  
 bountifully with my soul, in that thou hast  
 been pleased to refresh it with the wholesome  
 food of thy heavenly Word: O Lord, with  
 the dew of thy Grace water that word which

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I have heard and receiv'd, that I may gr. in  
thereby. O Lord forg. be the evil which I have  
committed this day, I have done those things  
which I ought not to have done, and I have  
neglected those things which I ought to have  
done. Lord give me a heart to repent for ever  
ry sin which I have committed against thee  
in this thy day. O Lord, stretch out thy  
hand over me, and preserve me this night  
from all evil. Preserve my body from death,  
and my soul from damnation: Compass me  
about on every side with thy grace, guide me  
in every thing that I shall undertake: let me  
undertake nothing to the dishonor of thy most  
holy name, but in all things let me so demean  
my self here, that when I come to thee, I may  
be assured to attain a being in thy Kingdom.  
O Lord grant all these mercies to me, and  
what ever else thou seest needful for me, for  
the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for Monday Morning.

**H**OLY Lord God I thy poor unworthy crea-  
ture, do here most a & my self before  
thee this morning humbly entreating thee to  
look down with thy tender compassion on me:  
Pardon my sins O Lord, and forgive mine  
iniquities, blot out my transgressions & let  
them not come in remembrance with thee any  
more. As was I hab. gr. at cause to be free  
my sins and wickedness, I have also great  
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cause to admire and adore thee for all thy lo-  
ving kindnesse unto me, & more especially for  
preserving me this night past. O Lord wilt thou  
hall given me a quiet nights rest, blessed be  
thy Name for it. Thou hast raised my body  
from sleep of death, Lord raise my soul from  
the sleep of sin, and now in the beginning  
of the week, let me go about the Curation  
thou hast set me in with cheerfulnes, and let  
me undertake nothing that is sinful, but in  
everie thing let me have an eye to thee, so then  
to be certain, everie thing which I shall take  
in hand shall prosper. O Lord, thou knowest  
what is needful for me, I beseech thee supply  
all my wants in that Fountain of Mercy the  
Lord Jesus Christ, in whom, and for whom  
my soul shall bless & magnifie thy holy Name  
from this time forth and for ever. Amen.

### An Evening Prayer for Monday.

**A** Almighty God, Lord of heaven & earth,  
thou who inhabitest Eternitie, whose  
dwelling is in the highest Heavens, yet  
dost condescend to look down with a merciful  
eye of pittie and compassion upon poor sinful  
dust and ashes. O Lord, thou dost give in-  
finite occasions to poor sinners day by day to  
renew their praises due to thy holie Name.  
O that I had a heart & a tongue to set forth  
the riches of thy mercies which thou hast  
dailie bestowed on me thou dost everie hour, O

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Lord, give from distractions to me that I may be  
 edged, and thus be diligent in pursuing those  
 things which are good: O that I could find way  
 my life here, that I might be free of cares  
 hereafter: Blessed be thy name O Lord, for  
 this mercie: O Lord keep and preserve  
 me this night: when I go to lie down to  
 sleep, let me be so prepared, that if it were  
 my last night I should sleep in this home, yet  
 I might have assurance in thee: O Lord keep  
 me from all evil thoughts in this longest night,  
 from all frightful dreams which tend to con-  
 found and pervert carnal flesh: when I awake,  
 O Lord let me with holy David meditate on  
 thy name, and so no harm can come unto me:  
 finally, I beseech thee, O Lord, to guard &  
 defend me this night: that in the morning  
 when I arise, I may render up my morning  
 sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving unto thy  
 holy name, for all thy unspeakable mercies  
 which thou hast day and night bestowed upon  
 me: O Lord hear me: and in thy due time  
 answer me, and all I beg upon the account  
 of thy dear Son and my Saviour, in whose  
 name & words, I conclude these my imper-  
 fect prayers, saying as he himself hath taught  
 me, Our Father which art, &c.

A Prayer for Tuesday Morning.

**H**ail Lord God: great is thy name, and  
 great praise to all others to be praised, and

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for poore sinful dust & ashes, to dare to adven-  
ture to come befoze so great a God, is high  
presumption; yet Lord I thy poore creature in  
and through the merits of Iesus Christ my  
Savior, do with all boldness cast my self at  
Thyone of thy grace, humbly imploring and  
most heartlie bicing for the assistance of thy  
holy Spirit: O Lord I give thee humble and  
heartie thanks for thy preservation of me the  
night past. O Lord, though I do not deserve  
those favors from thee, yet for thy Sons sake,  
if it be thy blessed will, continue them to  
me: I beseech thee O Lord, as thou hast bin  
thereto, so yet continue a blessing to my in-  
dertakings, and make me continue faithful  
to thee to the end of my daies, that when I  
depart this life, I may be an heir of the  
Kingdom of Heaven: This I beg in the  
name of thy Son & my Savior Iesus Christ  
the Righteous, to whom be ascribed, as is  
most due, all glory, honour, and praise, both  
now and for evermore. Amen.

### An Evening Prayer for Tuesday.

**M**ost great and most glorious incompre-  
hensible Lord God, I thy poore unworthy  
creature am now about to offer up these my  
poore unworthy Papers unto thy divine Ma-  
iestie, I humbly and mercifullie beseeching thee  
to pardon the sins which I have committed  
against thy Divine Majesty this day: Wane  
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and great have the sins of my youth been,  
and in number even as the sands of the Sea.  
Shoe, yet Lord, thy mercies doth far surpass  
my sins: O Lord give me a heart to trust in  
thee, give me an understanding heart, that I  
may see the errors of my former life, and re-  
pent from the bottom of my heart, of all the  
evil I have committed against thee. And holie  
Lord, as I have great cause to bewail my sins  
so have I far greater cause to bless thy name  
for all thy unspeakable mercies which thou  
dost daily bestow on me; more especially for  
the mercies on this day: thou hast preserved  
me in life and health. blessed be thy name for  
it; if it be thy blessed will watch over me  
this night. let thy holie Angels guard me; &  
let thy holie hand protect me; and when I  
awake from my sleep, let my Meditations be  
on thy goodnes towards me; and all this I  
beg at thy hands, mercifully beseeching thee  
to be a strong Tower of defence to me, & all  
for Iesus Christ his sake thy Son, and my  
Saviour & Redeemer, from this time forth  
and for ever more. Amen.

A Prayer for Wednesday Morning.

Blessed and praised be thy name, O Lord  
God, for all thy unspeakable mercies,  
which thou day by day, and night by night,  
dost freely bestow upon poor sinners. O Lord  
what am I that thou shouldst so much as

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once cast a glimpse of favoꝛ on me? I am a  
poor woꝛm, a frail creature, dust and ashes,  
nay moꝛe, a grieuous sinner; yet O Lord, thou  
hast compassion on me, thou hast mercifully  
preserved me this last night, I bless thy name  
foꝛ it; Lord keep me still, be thou a guide to  
me all along, & be thou an Overseer oꝛer me  
to overlook me, so as to keep me from all  
deadly sin: Let my heart, O Lord, be found  
right in undertaking nothing that is evill;  
a watch befoꝛe my mouth, that my tongue  
may utter no unclean thing; so guide and di-  
rect me in all things, that what I do, I may  
do to the gloꝛy of thy Name, and the com-  
foꝛt of my soul; and all this I beg in the  
Name of Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Evening Prayer for Wednesday.

**O** Lord God, Father of heaven and earth,  
give in fresh supplies of thy Spirit to  
thy poor creature, that I may daily and hourly  
praise thy name foꝛ all thy loving kindnes  
which thou dost every day bestow on me: thou  
art a God of comfoꝛt and consolation; thou  
hast been my guide all the day long, now I  
beseech thee be my Guardian all the night,  
make me to rest quietly, and when I must  
sleep, vniſbeth away, let my heart at work  
to meditate upon thy mercies; which in an  
abundant manner thou dost bestow daily on  
me. O Lord awake my soul, and let Christ

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enlighten me with the beams of his mercie ;  
teach me to see that which is right, make me  
to hate that which is evil : O keep me in thy  
paths that my feet slip not, hear me and have  
mercy on me, knit my heart unto thee, that I  
may fear thy name. Plant me by the water  
side, and let me bring forth fruit to thy honor  
and glory, to the comfort of my poor soul, for  
Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

### A Prayer for Thursday Morning.

**A** Almighty and most gracious God, I give  
thee hearty and humble thanks, in that  
thou hast been graciously pleased to give quiet  
rest to my poor sinful body, Lord if it be thy  
blessed will, give spiritual rest to my poor soul.  
O Lord, thou hast commanded in thy holie  
word that none should be idle, but that we  
should be alwaies occupied with doing of good  
I most humble beseech thee that thine eyes  
may attend upon me daily, to defend me from  
sorrow and govern me in all my labors & un-  
dertakings: make me to bestow this day & the  
sessions of my life, according to thy most bless-  
ed will & pleasure, setting thee alwaies be-  
fore mine eyes, alwaies living in thy fear, &  
working that which may be acceptable in thy  
sight : This I beseech thee to grant me, and  
what else thou shalt needful for me, for Jesus  
Christ his sake, my only Savior and Redeem-  
er. Amen.

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An Evening Prayer for Thursday.

**M**ost merciful God, & ever-loving Father, thou which dost bestow so many Blessings on me, give me an understanding heart, and let my lips shew forth thy praises: O what a fatherly care hast thou had over me, thou hast kept me from all dangers both of body & soul, thou hast given me food and raiment, and health, but above all, thou hast given the choicest of all thy mercies, the Lord Jesus: O give me a heart that by faith I may lay hold on him, & on the blessed promises thou hast made to all that believe in thee and in thy Son Jesus Christ: I beseech thee O Lord, to grant me the guard of the good Angels, to keep me this night and evermore; and grant when I shall sleep in death, my body may rest temporally, & my soul may live with thee eternally, to thy glory and my comfort: All which I beg at thy hands, for the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for Friday Morning.

**O** Most merciful Father, seeing thou hast of thy great mercy bought and saved a guilty passage away of this night in rest to my body, grant I beseech thee that I may bestow this day, and the residue of my life, wholly to thy service, so that all my thoughts, words and works may redound w<sup>o</sup>p to the glory of thy name, and good example of others. O Lord, illu-

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Illuminate my understanding with the brightness of thy holy spirit, direct me in the wayes of righteousness, so that whatsoever I do, my special care may be to walk in thy fear, to serve and honor thee all the daies of my life.  
O Lord strengthen me against all the temptations of Satan, keep me from all ill, and deliver me from all perils & dangers, whatsoever. I beseech thee O Lord, receive me into thy holie protection & then I need not fear no ill. Lord make me baulie to go on in good, and to hate all evil: forgive me all my sins O Lord, and blot out all my transgressions, and let the litle remaining part of my life be spent to thy glozie, and to the comfort of my own immortal and never dying soul: These my weak Petitions, O Lord, grant upon the account of thy Son, through whom I further call upon thee, saying as he hath taught me, Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

### An Evening Prayer for Friday.

O Eternal God and most merciful father, who this day, & all the time of my life hitherto, hast most graciously defended and preserved my soul and body, and of thy loving kindness hast most plentifully provided for me a sustenance, not only in giving me a portion of thy Creatures, but also in thy plentiful redemption which thy most beloved Son Christ Jesus hath purchased for me.

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grant, O Lord unto me the assistance of thy  
 grace and holy Spirit: Though my body, O  
 Lord take its natural rest, yet Lord knit my  
 soul to thee; for in thee is the only true rest  
 to be found. O Lord let my soul rejoice in  
 thee, for in thee alone is Salvation to be  
 found. O Lord let thy mightie hand and out-  
 stretched arm be still my defence, thy mercie  
 and loving kindness in Jesus Christ thy dear  
 Son my Salvation, thy true and holy word  
 my instruction, thy Grace and holie Spirit  
 my comfort and consolation unto the end,  
 & in the end, through Jesus Christ my Lord  
 and onely Saviour. Amen.

### A Morning Prayer for Saturday.

**O** Immortal and Everliving God, Father  
 of our Lord Jesus Christ, I thy poor un-  
 worthy servant desire and beg of thee to ac-  
 cept of my morning Sacrifice of Praise and  
 Thanksgiving due unto thee, and thee alone,  
 in that thou hast protected me, and defended  
 me from all the evil that might have come  
 upon me; thou hast refreshed my weary bo-  
 dy this night past. I humbly intreat thee  
 yet to add a further blessing unto me, that  
 thou wilt be pleased to rouse up my soul from  
 the sluggish nature of sin and evil, that I  
 may walk in thy Commandments with all  
 cheerfulness this day and evermore: Pardon  
 O Lord, all foregoing evil abominations of my

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life and conversation; cut off the root leaves  
and boughs of the evil tree of my corrupt  
heart; put away all lust, haughtings and deui-  
lings of thy providence. Give me a sure hope,  
and the gracious pardon of my sins, and of  
everlasting life, that so long as I am in this  
world I may have a taste and feeling of it in  
my heart. O Lord, I beseech thee to send a  
blessing upon my labors, prepare my heart in  
all my business, that I may do it to the honor  
of thy name, and go forward in thy fear, and  
finish it with thy blessing, that whatsoever I  
shall do may prosper. Grant this O Lord, for  
Jesus Christ his sake my Saviour, Amen.

An Evening Prayer for Saturday.

**B**lessing & glory be given to thee O Lord  
most high and gracious God for thy good-  
ness bestowed upon me this day, this whole  
week, and all my whole life, thy Mercies  
have never yet failed me: O Lord give me a  
thankful heart, never to forget thy loving  
kindness towards me. I beseech thee O Lord  
be still my God, forgive all my sins & I have  
committed against thee, and grant for the fu-  
ture that I may serve thee in holiness and  
newness of life. Sanctifie me with thy grace  
and send down thy holy spirit into me, to  
guide and direct me in all truth. And now O  
Lord, the day is almost spent, and the night  
is at hand, bless me I beseech thee this night,  
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and take me into thy custodie; Save me waking, and keep me sleeping, that I may both sleep and wake in peace and safety. Let the shadow of thy wings be my cover, the holie Ghost my Comfort, and thy holy Name my Rock and defence against all evil. Prepare me, O Lord, for the day following, the holy Sabbath, the hallowed day of thy rest, and so unlock the mysteries of thy holy word unto me, that I may therein see the things of thy glorious Majesty, learn the lessons of my own Duty, and rightly understand the certaintie of my mortalitie, and the uncertaintie of the time when death shall seize upon me, that I may strive to live in thy fear, and die in thy favor, and be made partaker of those heavenlie joyes which thou hast prepared for thy Saints to all eternitie. O Lord, grant these my desires, and what else thou knowest needful for me, for Jesus Christ his sake my onlie Advocate and Redeemer, concluding my imperfect prayers in that most absolute form of Prayer which he himself hath taught us in his holie Gospel, saying, Our Father, &c.

A Prayer for the Kings Majesty, and  
His Royal Family.

O Almighty God, King of Kings, & Lord of Lords; High and Mightie Creator, Ruler and Governour of all things, thou who

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dost from thy Throne behold all the inhabi-  
 tants of the whole earth; thou who rulest  
 Princes as well as the meanest person on  
 the earth. I most humble beseech thee to  
 look down upon our most Gracious Sober-  
 aign Lord King CHARLES: Let thine  
 his Royal heart with the wisdom of So-  
 lomons, make him a joyful Prince to all his  
 Subjects; let him be a Protector of all his  
 people, that in truth and sincerity do love thy  
 Name. Bless him; O Lord, with thy Royal  
 Consort Queen Katherine. Bless him in  
 all his Relations; make them all instru-  
 ments of good to this Kingdom, whereof we  
 are Members: O Lord, as good to them and  
 to all thy poor people as the world ever was,  
 all this we beg for the sake of thy Son Je-  
 sus Christ. Amen.

Here follows certain Graces before and  
 after Meat.

Grace before Meat.

**G**race be to thee O Lord God, thou dost plentifully  
 provide for us who are poor sinners, we  
 bless thy Name for it: Lord as thou feedest  
 our bodies with these thy creatures, so satisfie  
 our souls with thy heavenly food, and all  
 for Jesus Christ his sake our only Saviour.  
 Amen.

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Another before Meas.

**O** Heauenlie father, and God of all consolation, thou dost take care to provide food and raiment for our weak bodies, Lord giue us hearts to looke after something for the nourishment of our soules; and for these, and all other Mercies we haue double cause to render all glory and praise to thy holie Name, both now and for evermore, Amen.

Another before Meas.

**C**reator God, in all our undertakings let us looke upon thee the Creator of all things, let us praise thy name in an especial manner for all the Mercies that thou at this time bestowest on us. Bless us in our natural food, but more especiallie in our spiritual, for Iesus Christ his sake. Amen.

Grace after Meas.

**W**e thank thee, most merciful father, for all thy loving kinde-ness bestowed on us, more especially for the mercies of this day, in that thou hast plentifully refreshed our weak bodies; Lord strengthen our soules with thy heauenlie grace, and all for the honour of thy well-beloued Son, and my onely Saviour Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Another after Meas.

**G**lorious Lord God, we return thee all humble and hearty thanks for these thy fatherly Mercies, in saving of our natural bodies, Lord we beg the like kindness for our souls, that when we have finished this our natural life, we may enjoy a Being in Heaven, and all for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Another after Meas.

**T**he God of all Glor and Power, who hath created us, and by the death of thy dear Son hath redeemed us, and hast at this time mercifully sent us, for these and all other Mercies let thy Name be blessed and praised both now and for evermore. Amen.

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A short Catechism for Children, very necessary for private Families.

Quest. **W**ho made thee?  
Answ. God.

Quest. What is God?

Answ. He is Almighty, Maker and Governour of all things.

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**Q.** Wherefore did the Lord make thee?

**Ans.** To serve him.

**Quest.** How oughtest thou to serve him?

**Ans.** He hath appointed in his Law.

**Quest.** Which be they?

**Ans.** The keeping of the ten Commandments, as they are appointed in the twentieth of Exodus.

**Quest.** Dost thou think that thou art able to fulfill these Commands?

**Ans.** No, though I do all that I can, yet by reason of sin, I am fully a breaker and transgressor of those Laws.

**Quest.** What dost thou then deserve for the breach of these Laws?

**Ans.** The wrath of God, which is the destruction of body and soul.

**Quest.** How then wilt thou escape this punishment?

**Ans.** Only by the death of Jesus Christ.

**Q.** What dost thou believe concerning this Jesus Christ?

**Ans.** I believe he is the only begotten of the Father, the eternal Son of God, and able to save sinners.

**Quest.** What hath Christ done for thee?

**Ans.** He dyed for me.

**Quest.** If Christ were God, how could he dye?

**Ans.** Christ was both God and man; as

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he was God, he could not die; but being man  
 he died for our sins, and rose again for my  
 redemption.

Quest. Are all then saved by the death of  
 Christ? *Ans. No.*

Ans. No: Only such are saved as by a  
 lively faith lay hold on him.

Quest. What is a lively Faith?

Ans. A true belief, and constant relying  
 on all the promises of God, and a steadfast be-  
 lief that Christ died as well for thy sins as  
 any others, with which thou dost lay thine  
 on him.

Quest. What is the fruit of your Faith?

Ans. It is the Cross.

Quest. How comest thou by this Fruit?

Ans. Inwardly by the Holy Ghost, and  
 outwardly by the preaching of the Word.

Quest. How doth our Faith increase?

Ans. By hearing the Word preached,

and using the Sacraments.

Quest. What be the Sacraments?

Ans. Sacraments be outward signs of

graces by God, and are left as Seals and

pledges of these Benefits of our Salvation,

which we receive in Christ to strengthen our

Faith.

Quest. How many Sacraments are there?

Ans. Two: Baptism and the Lords Sup-

per.

Quest.

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**Q. What profit hast thou by Baptism?**

**A.** I believe by Baptism my sins are forgiven me, for as water doth wash the filth off my bodie, so I believe the blood of Christ being sprinkled upon my soule, by a lively faith, doth wash away my sins.

**Q. What profit hast thou by the Lords Supper?**

**A.** As I receive the Bread and Wine into my bodie, to become wholly mine, so I believe that my soule receiveth Christ Jesus, with his death and righteousness, to the sealing up of my salvation.

**Quest.** Seeing they that eat unworthily, eat and drink their own damnation, how shall I do to prepare my self for the right receiving of it?

**Ans.** 1. Examine thy self whether thou art in the faith of Jesus Christ or no.

2. Whether thou findest thy heart truly grieved for sin, with inward hating and loathing thereof.

3. If any offences be betwixen thee and others, that you reconcile your self unto them & forgive them as Christ hath forgiven thee.

**Quest.** Is not Prayer a special means to increase your Faith?

**Ans.** Yea, it is a special help.

**Quest.** How oughtest thou to pray?

**Ans.** Only to God in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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**Quest.** What Form of Prayer usest thou most?

**Ans.** That which the Lord himself hath taught us: Our Father which art, &c.

**Q.** How understandest thou this Prayer?

**A.** This Prayer is divided into six Petitions; three of them belong to Gods glory, the other three belong to us, wherein is contained all things that are necessary for soul and body.

### A Short Prayer for a Family.

**O** Eternal God & most merciful Father, which givest to them that want, and comfortest those that are in distress, and forgivest them that truly repent, we thy poor creatures sue unto thee for grace, hoping in thy mercy towards us: keep us, O Lord, this day, and forgive us all our sins in the blood of thy Son, teach us to be sorry for them, and separate them from us, who would separate us from thee: O Lord make us to hunger & thirst after righteousness, that our first care may be to know thy will, and let us so profit in Christs School, that in sickness we may find patience, in prison joy, in poverty contentment, and in all things hope: Prosper, O Lord, our labour & undertaking, that in all we do undertake, we may do nothing unprofitably: Lord let loving affections

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and grow one towards another. Meane while  
our brethren, and pray for them, and they for  
us. Lord, thou hast commanded that we should  
not only pray for our selves, but for being all  
the world over; Lord bless thy Church in  
all places where ever it is dispersed of dis-  
tressed, be thou their refuge and defence:  
Lord look upon this sinful flaccid world  
we live: Lord bless the Kings, and the  
His Royal Queen, and the rest of the Royal  
family, make them instruments of good  
unto this Kingdom. Lord bless the faithfull  
ministers of thy word, give them heavenly  
wisdom, that they may dispense the word in  
righteousness to all that hear them: And  
Lord give a blessing to this people, and  
bless us from the highest to the lowest, make  
us all thy servants, that so we may enjoye  
daily in thee our Saviour. Lord guide us in  
the truth, and direct us in the path that we  
may never go astray: All these desires we  
beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, for  
whose words we further call upon thee, say-  
ing, Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

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